

2020-2021: North Carolina Pandemic Electronic Benefits Transfer (P-EBT) for Children Under Age 6

P-EBT will be made available to eligible children under the age of 6 that are in households receiving Food and Nutrition Services (FNS).



Who is eligible and how much is the P-EBT benefit? Families do not need to apply for P-EBT. Children will receive P-EBT if they are under age 6, are in a household that has received FNS benefits since October 1, 2020, and do not already receive P-EBT as a student in school. The benefit amount will be based on the learning mode of the public school district(s) in the county where the child lives.

ELIGIBILITY

To be eligible to receive P-EBT for children under 6, a child must...

- **Child circumstances** – Both must be met in order or a child to be eligible:
 1. The child must be a member of a household that receives Food and Nutrition Services (FNS), **and**
 2. The child is under 6 years old and does not already receive P-EBT as a student
- **Circumstances of the child's public school (participating in the National School Lunch Program) in their county** – The following must be met in order or a child to be eligible:
 1. One or more schools in the school district(s) is either learning in a fully remote (100% virtual instruction) or in a hybrid (combination of virtual and in-person instruction) learning mode for the eligible month. Note: a child in a public-school district that has returned to fully in person learning is not eligible.

BENEFIT AMOUNT

An eligible child will receive one of two amounts based on the **learning mode** of one or more schools in the public school district(s) where the child lives. Only the learning mode of public schools that participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP) will be included. The county the child lives in is based on the address associated with the child's FNS case.

1. **Remote learning mode** – If one or more public schools in the county where the child lives is in a fully remote learning mode (100% virtual instruction) for the month, all eligible children under age 6 in that county will receive the remote learning benefit of \$115.94 for that month.
2. **Hybrid learning mode** – If no public schools in the county are fully remote, but one or more schools are in a hybrid learning mode for the month, all eligible children under age 6 in that county will receive the hybrid learning benefit amount. The hybrid amount can change month to month and will be the same as the hybrid amount received by students receiving P-EBT for the month, which is reported on the P-EBT website.

Don't receive FNS and think you may be eligible? Visit www.ncdhhs.gov/assistance/low-income-services/food-nutrition-services-food-stamps to learn more information about who is eligible and how to apply.

When and how will benefits be issued? Benefits will be added to the households existing FNS EBT card. Households will not receive a separate card. Families who become eligible for FNS and don't have a card will be mailed an EBT card.

P-EBT will be provided to eligible children for the months of October 2020 through June 2021. Benefits for October 2020 through March 2021 will be issued in May 2021. Following the first issuance, P-EBT benefits will be issued each month to children following the month of eligibility.

Resource Information

- More information about the P-EBT program can be found at www.ncdhhs.gov/PEBT.
- For the latest information on COVID-19, visit nc.gov/covid19.
- For locations of schools & community meal sites, text "FOODNC" or "COMIDA" to 877-877.
- For information on other food resources, please visit nc211.org or call 2-1-1 or 1-888-892-1162. Please note that 2-1-1 cannot assist with eligibility or benefit amount.

